

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Espresso coffeemaker comprising: a removable reservoir (4); and a principal hydraulic circuit that includes a pump (5) connected to said reservoir for aspirating water from said reservoir (4), a heating unit (6) connected to receive the water ~~form~~from said pump, and a filter holder (9) for holding coffee grounds, said filter holder (9) being connected to receive water from said heating unit (6), said reservoir (4) being also connected to a pressure reduction conduit (37) for return of water leaving the heating unit in the form of a jet, characterized in that said coffeemaker further comprises a connection device (28) connecting said reservoir (4) with said principal hydraulic circuit and said pressure reduction conduit and having means (49) for reducing the pressure of the water jet arriving by the pressure reduction conduit for return to the reservoir and means (44) for directing water arriving by the pressure reduction conduit towards a storage zone.

2. (Currently amended) Coffeemaker according to claim 1, characterized in that the pressure reduction means (49) direct the water jet in a direction other than that of a principal axis of the device (28) for connection of said reservoir (4) with the principal hydraulic circuit and the pressure reduction conduit of the machine.

3. (Currently amended) Coffeemaker according to claim 1, characterized in that said connection device (28) has a central bore (29) placing it in communication at one side with said reservoir (4), at the other side the bore opening into two openings (33,34) one (34) communicating with the principal hydraulic circuit and the other (33) with the pressure reduction conduit, where said means ~~(49)~~—for reducing the pressure of the water jet are arranged in the prolongation of the axis of the opening (33) that communicates with the pressure reduction conduit.

4. (Currently amended) Coffeemaker according to claim 1, characterized in that said pressure reduction means ~~(49)~~—comprise a plurality of parallel blades (52) arranged in alternation on a common axis (53).

5. (Original) Coffeemaker according to claim 4, characterized in that said common axis (53) has a deflector (51) located in the axis of the valve for closing the reservoir (4) when the latter is connected to the connection device (28).

6. (Currently amended) Coffeemaker according to claim 1, characterized in that said means (44) for directing the water jet are arranged downstream of said means ~~(49)~~—for reducing the pressure of the water jet in the direction of flow of the latter.

7. (Previously Presented) Coffeemaker according to claim 6, characterized in that said means (44) for directing the water have at least one passage placing the interior of the bore (29) of the connection device (28) in communication with a funnel (30) surrounding said bore (29).

8. (Original) Coffeemaker according to claim 7, characterized in that said means (44) for directing have a first passage (32) located downstream from an O-ring (43) effecting sealing between the reservoir (4) and the bore (29) of the connection device (28) as seen in the direction of flow of the water return jet towards the reservoir (4).

9. (Original) Coffeemaker according to claim 8, characterized in that said first passage (32) is provided between the upper part of the bore (29) and the internal face of a plate (45) affixed on the funnel (30).

10. (Previously Presented) Coffeemaker according to claim 9, characterized in that said means (44) for directing the water have a second passage in the form of an opening (48) formed in the plate (45), the opening (48) being located downstream from the first passage (32) as seen in the direction of flow of the water return jet towards the reservoir (4).

11. (Previously Presented) Coffeemaker according to claim 10, characterized in that said means (44) for directing the water comprise channeling ribs (47) located at one side and the other of an opening of the plate (45) communicating with the bore (29) of the connection device (28), the ribs arriving in proximity to the opening (48).

12. (Previously Presented) Coffeemaker according to claim 7, characterized in that said means (44) for directing the water communicate by an evacuation opening (35) of the funnel (30) with a removable recuperation tank (56) removably mounted in the machine.

13. (Original) Coffeemaker according to claim 12, characterized in that said recuperation tank (56) comprises a prolongation in the form of a gutter forming a recuperator (55) coming under a recuperator nozzle (54) to which is connected a waste conduit (39) of the funnel (30).

14. (Previously Presented) Coffeemaker according to claim 12, characterized in that said recuperation tank (56) maintains a support for an infusion collecting container.

15. (Withdrawn-currently amended) Espresso coffeemaker presenting a removable reservoir (4), a pump (5) connected to aspirate water from said reservoir (4), a heating unit (6) connected to receive water from said pump (5) and a filter holder (9) for holding coffee grounds and connected to receive water from said heating unit (6), said reservoir (4) being also connected to a pressure reduction conduit (37) for return of water leaving the heating unit in the form of a jet, characterized in that said coffeemaker comprises a connection device (28) connecting said reservoir (4) with said pump (5) and said pressure reduction conduit and having means (49) for reducing the pressure of the water jet arriving by the pressure reduction conduit for return to the reservoir and means (44) for directing water arriving by the pressure reduction conduit towards a storage zone.